**WLA Conference 2024**

The Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS) is awarding scholarships to library staff and trustees to attend the 2024 Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) Conference in Green Bay on November 5-8. More conference details can be found here: https://www.wisconsinlibraries.org/2024-wla-conference.

**Up to $1,200 is available for the scholarship**, and it covers expenses for the following:

* Conference registration (WLA member or non-member)
	+ Can include the Award’s Reception and conference tours; it does not include the cost to participate in the WLA Foundation Fundraiser
* Mileage reimbursement (WVLS rate) to/from the conference
* Up to 3 nights of conference lodging (November 5, 6 and 7)

**The WVLS Scholarship does not cover the cost of a WLA membership.** If a scholarship recipient is not a current WLA member at the time of conference registration, the additional registration cost will be their responsibility.

 **Eligibility and Requirements**

* Applicant must currently work at a WVLS member public library or serve as a trustee for a member library.
* Applicant must have one year of experience working in public libraries or serving on a public library board as of November 1, 2024.
* Applicant is expected to make their own conference arrangements.
* The 2024 WVLS WLA Conference scholar is expected to share their conference experience and knowledge gained with library colleagues via a written report submitted to WVLS within 30 days of the conference (a form will be provided).

To be eligible, the completed application must be emailed to Jamie Matczak at jmatczak@wvls.org by 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 19.

**To be completed by the applicant. (Type or Print)**

Name:
Title/Role:
Library:
Years of work in public libraries or as a trustee of a public library: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended a WLA Conference? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

 If yes, what year did you last attend? \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Essay:** How will your library benefit from your attendance at this conference? Please provide specific examples on a separate page, not to exceed one page in length.

By applying, I acknowledge that accepting this scholarship is contingent upon my attending the 2024 WLA Conference. If I am unable to attend, I will notify WVLS immediately. Also, within 30 days of my return from the conference, I will submit a written report of what I learned at the conference to WVLS. Should I be unable to fulfill these requirements, I understand that I may be asked to reimburse WVLS for the scholarship within 90 days of the conference.

Applicant Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **To be completed by the Public Library Board of Trustees President. (Type or Print).**

If granted a scholarship \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (Applicant Name) (Name of Library)

Board’s permission to attend the WLA Conference in Green Bay, WI. The Library Board of Trustees understands that the applicant will be required to share what they learned at the conference via a written report submitted to WVLS within 30 days of the conference and that should the applicant not fulfill the requirements of this scholarship, the applicant or library may be asked to reimburse WVLS for the scholarship within 90 days of the conference.

Public Library Board President’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Public Library Board President’s Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_